

## English 10 Independent Reading Assignment

310 Points Possible

Students will spend time in class engaged with books of their own choosing for independent reading. Students will be asked to keep an independent reading journal for the course (from the Course Syllabus).

### Fall Term Requirements:

- Bring an independent reading book to class every day. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will have twenty minutes minimum dedicated to silent reading. One point will be deducted from the total score for each dedicated reading day that a student comes to class without a book or does not engage in reading for the entire twenty minutes. There are thirty-eight days dedicated to reading silently in class during the fall term, thus students will earn 38 points toward the total score by being prepared and reading. If a student has an excused absence on dedicated reading days, he/she will be excused from the one point score. (38 points)
- Read at least three books, one book every three weeks in three different genres, for the term. If students do the homework of twenty minutes minimum of reading each day, seven days a week, many more books than the minimum requirement should be read. (60 points)
- At least one nonfiction book should be read each term. A memoir that is a true-life novel may be considered nonfiction. When students finish the required nonfiction book, they should conference with Ms. Knuth in order to earn twenty points for reading the genre.
- A record of the books read for the term should be kept at the back of the notebook. The record should include the following information: title, author, genre, date finished, rating for difficulty, and rating for enjoyment. (15 points)
- A record of the books attempted but abandoned should be kept at the back of the notebook. The record should include the following: title, author, genre, date abandoned, reason for abandonment. (10 points)
- A list of the books that students might want to read should be recorded at the back of the notebook. (7 points)
- Responses to reading should be written at least four times each week. Some responses will be assigned during class while others are students' personal reactions. Each entry should include the book's title and author's name. Quotes may serve as writing prompts and should be exact with page references. Students should have a minimum of thirty-six entries over the nine week period for the assignment. (36 x 5 = 180 points)